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COUNTRY GDR: Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

1. New Workers' Police

2. Alert III Ordered on 11 July 1953

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

1. At 10 a.m. on 11 July 1953, at a meeting of the SED Employees' Council held in a Leipzig plant it was announced that, effective immediately, the entire GDR including East Berlin, was at alert III, that all large plants including VEBs, public agencies and state offices had to furnish night patrols from their ranks and that the newly established armed Workers' police were also to be alerted. It is said that KVP units had been concentrated.

2. [redacted] the Workers' Police mentioned consisted of reliable and loyal comrades selected by the SED Employees' Councils and was subordinate to the VP which the Workers' Police was to stiffen in emergency. The Workers' Police was issued carbines which had been stored at large plants and offices.

[redacted] Comment. So-called Freiwillige Helfer der Volkspolizei (VP auxiliaries) were in existence since the late summer of 1952. A Workers' Police organized from this group of persons was no doubt established to quell possible strikes and riots. Alert III was probably decreed in expectation of renewed disturbances.

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